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GROWER AND IMPORTER OF HARDY PERENNIAL ASTERS

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New varieties imported from England. Many of them Award of Merit winners by the Horticultural Society, London, England.

The color range has been marvelously extended in recent years, including delicate pinks, clear reds, white, lavender and near to blue. Also too has the size of the blooms, which in some varieties may approach 3 inches in diameter. Then there are the useful race of dwarfs, 6 to 12 inches in height, ideal for the front of the border or rockery. Perennial asters are tremendously popular in England, being now one of the most widely grown perennials. Coming into bloom in the autumn when flowers are scarce. No garden is complete without them.

CULTURE. Their culture is very simple. Almost all the Novi-Belgii varieties grow vigorously and should be divided drastically every two years into small clumps for best results. A good stake is needed for the tall varieties, with ties at intervals during growth. The tall types may be kept lower by pinching, which will also make them branch out. However, all pinching must be stopped by the middle of July.

Plant 18 inches to 2 feet apart on the tall varieties. The dwarf types, 12 inches to 15 inches.

Price 3 Plants \$2.75, 6 Plants \$4.75, 12 Plants \$8.25, Postage Paid

All Nova-Belgii varieties except where stated. The following varieties are available, strong, well rooted plants, guaranteed to bloom profusely this season.

WHITE

ARCTIC. Pure snow white semi-double flowers, 3 feet, September-October.

BLANDIE. Buds tinged yellow, opening to pure white. Grand for cutting or border, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, September-October.

WHITE LADY. One of the best whites, dark foliage, very floriferous, large flowers, 3 feet, September-October.

BLUE

AMETHYST. Rich blue, double at first, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet, September-October.

ANITA BALLARD. China blue, incurved petals, very desirable, 3 to 4 feet, September-October.

BLUE GOWN. Rich single blue, lovely long sprays for cutting, 3 feet, Sept.-Oct.

BLUE PLUME. Deep violet blue, lovely outstanding variety, (Nova-Angliae) 3 to 4 feet, September-October.

EVENTIDE. A striking deep violet blue with semi-double flowers of good size and quality. Erect habit, very vigorous, 2½ to 3 feet, September-October.

GAYBORDER QUEEN. Delicate large soft blue, 3 feet, September-October.

LITTLE BOY BLUE. This is a beauty, with neat pyramids of semi-double sky-blue flowers. Lovely border variety, 2½ feet, September-October.

THE MOOR. Pleasing large single blue, prolific bloomer, 2½ feet, September.

THE SEXTON. A fine early flowering variety, rich lavender blue, single to semi-double, 3 feet, September-October.

PLENTY. Bright clear blue, large blooms, semi-double 3 to 3½ feet, September.

PRINCESS MARIE LOUISE. The brightest of blues, fine border variety, 3½ feet, September-October.

MAUVE, LAVENDAR and PURPLE

ARCHBISHOP. Immense semi-double flowers of deep purple, 3½ feet, September-October.

BETTY THORNLEY. Striking dark purple, semi-double, 2½ feet, Sept.-Oct.

OCTOBER DAWN. Single violet, good for cutting, 3 feet, October.

OWEN WELLS. Large double, purply mauve flowers, good border variety, 3 feet, October.

PEACE. Large rosy mauve, very striking, 3 feet, September-October.

PATIENCE. Exquisite dark mauve, spidery-like petals, large blooms, good for cutting, 3 feet, September-October.

STELLA LEWIS. This is a beautiful variety, strong erect stems, transparent pinky mauve flowers, prolific bloomer, 3½ feet, September-October.

FRIKARTI, WONDER OF STAFA. Lavender blue, large flowers, produced in abundance from June to middle of November, 2½ feet, divide in the spring only, (Amellus type) 2½ feet.

PINKS and REDS

ANGELA PEEL. Very double button-like flowers, blush pink, very attractive 18 inches, September-October.

ADORABLE. New large blush pink, vigorous grower, prolific in bloom, wonderful for cutting (Nova Angliae) 3 feet, September.

ALPENGLOW. The color is somewhere between a pinkish dog rose and red peony, of erect habit of growth, forming a semi-dwarf pyramid, less than 2 feet. The flowers of medium size, are produced in great abundance in September-October, is self-supporting, an outstanding variety.

ERNEST BALLARD. This is one of the newest and best asters produced. Growing to a height of 3 feet, the habit is robust and vigorous. The loose branching sprays carry enormous flowers about 3 inches in diameter. The young blooms are semi-double, showing the eye with age. The color is liquid rose carmine, or deep crimson pink. Must be seen to be believed. September-October.

BEECHWOOD CHALLENGER. One of the finest red varieties, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, Sept.

BEECHWOOD RIVAL. Bushy compact grower smothered with ruby-red flowers $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, September.

BEECHWOOD RAY. Good border variety bearing clusters of lovely bright pink flowers, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, September.

BEECHWOOD TRIUMPH. Distinct rosy red of branching habit, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, September-October.

BEECHWOOD CHARM. Lovely bright red, very appealing, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft., Sept.-Oct.

BARR'S PINK. Georgeous deep pink, prolific bloomer, fine cut flower variety, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, September-October, (Nova Angliae).

CHARLES WILSON. Very striking bright red, 3 feet, September-October.

D. M. HARRISON. Double rosy pink, free flowering, vigorous grower, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, September-October.

PERENNIAL ASTERS — DWARF HYBRID SECTION

Ideal for rock garden or front of border.

Price 3 Plants \$2.75, 6 Plants \$4.75, 12 Plants \$8.25, Postage Paid.

COUNTESS OF DUDLEY. Semi-double shell pink flowers making a veritable ball of flowers, 12 inches, September-October.

CONSTANCE. Lovely rose pink, of strong sturdy habit, 12 inches, Sept.-Oct.

BLUE BIRD. Rich deep blue, very beautiful and free flowering, 9 inches, September-October.

DOROTHY VOKES. Clear bright pink smothered with flowers, a real beauty, 15 inches, September-October.

HEBE. Attractive shell pink exquisite variety, grows about 9 inches, Sept.-Oct.

LADY MADDOX. Gorgeous deep pink, an ideal rockery or garden variety, 9 inches, September.

LITTLE RED BOY. Rosy red, an outstanding free flowering type, 12-15 inches tall, September-October.

PETER HARRISON. This is a fine deep pink, growing like a large ball, covered with flowers, 9 inches, September-October.

SNOWSPRITE. A fine white dwarf variety, about 12 inches in height, free flowerning, September-October.

NIOBE. Lovely compact white, only 8 inches in height, good for rockery or border.

MAUVE BEAUTY. This is a striking lavender mauve, prolific in bloom, one of the best dwarfs, 12 inches, September-October.

MARGARET ROSE. Beautiful rose pink, smothered with flowers, 12 to 15 inches high.

SOLIDAGO (HARDY MIMOSA)

Having heard so many wonderful reports about these wonderful new Perennial Solidagos, we imported some plants from England along with our Perennial Asters last spring. The following October we had a showing of them with our Asters in one of the large department stores in Seattle. The response was very gratifying. As our stock was limited we had to stop taking orders. Coming into bloom in the Autumn they blend so lovely with the perennial asters. When viewed in the garden or vase indoors they look like fountains of Mimosa with their myriads of golden blossoms carried in loosely formed sprays. In the garden they form bushes 2½ to 4 feet high spilling their gold with great profusion. For cutting they are the quintessence of elegance and grace.

The following Solidagos are available. Guaranteed to bloom profusely this season. \$1.50 each, 4 plants for \$4.75. Postage paid.

LEMORE. A solidago of great beauty with racemes of deep Primrose Yellow. Award of Merit winner R. H. S. 2 feet, August-September.

FRUGOLD. Lovely arching sprays of Sulphur Yellow. Very attractive, new variety. 2½ to 3 feet, August-September.

PRAECOX. Wonderful blooming variety. Flowers are quite compact forming tufts of a gorgeous Canary Yellow shade, 3 feet, September-October.

GOLDEN WINGS. Gorgeous buttercup yellow, bearing long sprays of irradiating beauty, grand for cutting, 4 feet, September-October.

PLANTING and DELIVERY

Plants will be ready for shipping beginning in March, continuing through May. When ordering give postal address very clearly. Orders will be shipped in strict rotation as received.

Washington State customers please add 3 percent sales tax.

GUARANTEE. We guarantee that all plants listed are true to name and type. Rigidly inspected and to be in the finest condition. We cannot, however, entertain any complaints after 10 days, or be responsible for failures, as such are beyond our control. We extend a cordial invitation to all who wish to visit our gardens. Especially during September and October, the Perennial Aster flowering season. Gardens are situated at 13032 80th Avenue South, Seattle 88, two blocks south of Renton Avenue at 80th Avenue South.

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